

The Methodist News

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Hello everyone and welcome to the Methodist News. Details of on-call media support can be found [here](#).

Yours,
[The Communications team](#)

News

Why the Church will continue to campaign for refugees

The Nationality and Borders Bill is to become law despite fierce opposition from many including the faith sector. Hannah Brown, Campaigns and Church Engagement Officer at The Joint Public Issues Team, explains why the Church has fought against the Bill and how this is grounded in a long history of standing up for the Biblical imperative to welcome the stranger. [Read the full article here](#)



Debt advice centre sees rising numbers of people seeking support



As Ablewell Advice in Walsall marks its tenth anniversary, the Revd Rachel Wood, Superintendent of the Walsall Methodist Circuit, says there is greater than ever demand on its services. The pandemic followed by the price rises seen this year, means that there has been a significant increase in the demands for all services including support in dealing with debt, checking whether people would be entitled to benefits, applying for benefits and support in appealing decisions. [Read the full story here](#)

Working in partnership to support people recovering from addiction



As part of a district wide focus on issues around addiction, Woodlands Methodist Church in Glasgow has partnered with charities, government agencies and academics in a symposium and exhibition, 'Recovery Rising'. The aim was to outline a vision of what services could look like if they were reoriented from the culture of addiction, to a culture of recovery. [Read the full story here](#)

Towards a fairer world

We want to know
What does justice look like to you?

Have you had Walking with Micah justice conversation in your church yet?
If not, there is still time to organise one. We want to know:
What would a just society look like?
What are the most urgent issues?
What action needs to be taken?
Your views will help to influence what the Methodist Church does and says to tackle injustice in the future.

[Get involved here](#)



Evangelism and Growth

What does prayer mean to you?



Over the next five weeks in the run-up to Thy Kingdom Come and the Platinum Jubilee, we'll be sharing five stories from Methodists across the Connexion.

Today, Charity talks about commitment

[Watch the video here](#)

Beginning a
'Church at the Margins'



A three-session online course starts in June which offers space to think about connecting and becoming a community of new Christians amongst and led by people experiencing poverty. The course is for people who are passionate about their community with very little or no experience of this kind of work. Whilst you can attend alone, ideally we would like you to join as a team (you plus one other person from your church or circuit) to share in conversation together. If you are an experienced pioneer [drop us an email](#) for more information.

[Read more here](#)

Jubilee – what have you got planned?



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to get involved in community events and get to know our neighbours. It's a chance to get to know people, to extend a radical invitation to everyone in the neighbourhood, to build relationships, and be bold in your faith-sharing.

'Church at the Margins and coastal communities' webinar



When: 4 July

Do you live or work in an economically struggling UK coastal community? Come and join a conversation with people who want to share and respond to the particular challenges of people in

'Community engagement made simple' webinar



When: 26 and 27 May

Are you seeing lots of need in your community, but you're not sure how to respond? Maybe you're wondering whether you have the skills, volunteer time and money to offer effective help.

This is a chance to join in with God's mission on the streets of your community. How are you getting out and about that weekend? We have lots of resources and inspiration to help you plan your events this summer.

[Take a look here](#)

economically marginalised urban and rural coastal contexts.

The webinar will be hosted by: Sarah Hulme, Rural Mission and Ministry Officer and Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer

[More information here](#)

In this webinar, which is offered twice for your convenience, Methodist pioneer and social activist Mark North explains how the Freedom Community Project makes community engagement simple. With just a laptop, a smartphone and an internet connection, you can connect desperate people in your community with people who have the training to help.

[More information here](#)

Coming Up

Event to mark the closure of Methodist Church House



On **Wednesday 25 May 2022** the closure of Methodist Church House will be marked with an act of worship and a "pilgrimage journey" exhibition commemorating the building and the people who worked within it.

This event is primarily aimed at those who work, or who have worked, in the building, or who have strong links with it.

[More information and free registration here](#)

Vocations Sunday



For those who want to celebrate Vocations Sunday on **8 May** there is a range of resources that can be used flexibly in worship or small groups to encourage vocational exploration.

[Find the resources here](#)

Please note that you are not restricted to this date for Vocations Sunday. These resources can be used to focus on vocations at any time.

The Methodist Podcast

The Methodist Podcast Episode 82: The environment, ethics and personal responsibility

In the week's Methodist Podcast, the Revd Jenny Pathmarajah talks with friends and family about the impact the choices we make each day have on the planet.

[Listen here](#)



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